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In re Application of )  
Paul M. Lizardi )  
Serial No. 09/855,170 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: May 14, 2001 ) Art Unit: 1641  
For: "ARTIFICIAL LONG TERMINAL )  
REPEAT VECTORS" )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendment**

**In the Claims**

Please add the following new claims.

26. (New) A method of amplifying a target nucleic acid sequence, the method comprising:

amplifying an artificial long terminal repeat vector by strand displacement replication primed by two or more strand displacement primers,